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Asia Zone

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA; NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► MENA

463-464-1 [Palestinians Growing Pessimistic about Two-State Solution](#) (Click for details)

(Palestine) Two thirds of the Palestinian public believes that the two-state solution is no longer viable; in the meanwhile, a majority does not have confidence in the newly elected Fatah leadership and about two thirds demand Abbas resignation. (PSR)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

463-464-2 [Home Grown Brands Dominate UAE's First Annual Consumer Advocacy Rankings](#) (Click for details)

(UAE) Home grown UAE brands have dominated YouGovBrandIndex's first UAE Brand Advocacy rankings, which ranks brands that receive the highest recommendations from their own customers. (YouGov)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



463-464-3 [The UAE's favourite sporting events of the holiday season](#) (Click for details)

(UAE) Abu Dhabi Grand Prix the most well-known and Mubadala World Tennis Championship the most exciting sporting event of the holiday season. (YouGov)

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4.15 Society » Sports

463-464-4 [Women in the UAE Believe They Have Same Level of Workplace Equality as Their Western Counterparts](#) (Click for details)

(UAE) A Majority of Female Respondents in the UAE Believe That They Have the Same Level of Workplace Equality as Their Counterparts in the West. (YouGov)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

4.5 Society » Gender Issues



► SOUTHEAST ASIA

463-464-5 [Philippines: "Very Good" +63 net satisfaction rating for Pres. Duterte](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines) A recent survey of Filipinos find "Very Good" +63 net satisfaction rating for Pres. Duterte; Most agree that his habit of publicly cursing foreign officials is harmful to international relations. (SWS)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

2.12 Foreign Affairs and Security >> Bi/Tri-lateral Relations

463-464-6 [Philippines: Satisfaction with how democracy works at record-high 86%](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines)The Third Quarter 2016 Social Weather Survey, done on September 24-27, 2016, found a record-high 86% of Filipino adults satisfied with the way democracy works. This surpassed the previous record of 80% in June 2013, and is 7 points above the 79% in June 2016. (SWS)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

463-464-7 [Philippines: Net trust in Rody Duterte stays Excellent at +72](#)(Click for details)

(Philippines)The Fourth Quarter 2016 Social Weather Survey, done on December 3-6, 2016, found 81% of adult Filipinos with *much trust*, 10% undecided, and 9% with *little trust* in President Rodrigo R. Duterte. (SWS)

December 24, 2016

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust



463-464-8 [Philippines: 73% of Filipino Expect a Happy Christmas](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines)Seven out of every ten (73%) adult Filipinos expect a *happy* Christmas, while 5% expect it to be *sad* and 21% are *neither happy nor sad*, according to the Fourth Quarter 2016 Social Weather Survey conducted on December 3-6, 2016. (SWS)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

463-464-9 [Timor-Leste: Poll Reveals Widespread Optimism, Overwhelming Intent to Vote in Upcoming Elections](#) (Click for details)

(Timor-Leste)A nationwide poll released by the International Republican Institute's (IRI) Center for Insights in Survey Research indicates that survey respondents are optimistic about the country's future prospects and committed to participating in the democratic process. (IRI)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections



Africa Zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

463-464-10 [50 years of freedom of association: Right is firmly established, though far from absolute, in Africa](#) (Click for details)

On average across 36 countries, eight in 10 Africans feel at least "somewhat free" to join any political organisation they want, including a majority (58%) who feel "completely free" to do so. About one in six citizens (17%) say they feel "not very" or "not at all" free to associate as they wish. (Afrobarometer)

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties



463-464-11 [Security a Top Issue in Central African Republic, South Sudan](#) (Click for details)

(Sudan)Improving security is among the top issues that residents in war-torn Central African Republic (CAR) and South Sudan want their governments to tackle in the coming year. Reeling from years of civil war and ongoing violence and insecurity, 54% of those surveyed in CAR and 19% of those surveyed in South Sudan name security as the most important issue. (Afrobarometer)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

Euro Americas Zone

► EAST EUROPE, WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA

► EAST EUROPE

463-464-12 [Presidential Address To The Federal Assembly -2016](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)Forty-three percent of Russians are aware of what the Presidential address was about. An overwhelming majority of TV viewers consider the presidential performance was interesting. (VCIOM)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections



463-464-13 [2016 Openness Ranking Of Russian Federal Executive Agencies](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)Russian Ministry for Emergency Situations is at the top of the openness rating of federal executive bodies in 2016. Ministry of Housing and Building and Federal Road Agency are at the end of the list. (VCIOM)

December 6, 2016

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

463-464-14 [Ukrainians about New Year's Holidays](#) (Click for details)

(Ukraine)According to a study conducted by Sociological group Rating in December 2016, 64% of Ukrainians have a tradition of giving gifts on St. Nicholas Day. (Ratings)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

463-464-15 [Estimation of 2016 Events and Socio-Political Moods of Population](#) (Click for details)

(Ukraine)According to the results of the Sociological group "Rating" research in December of this year, among the events which took place in 2016, respondents defined as the most successful such as the victory of Dzhamaia in a song competition Eurovision and the performance of Ukrainian team at the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (Ratings)

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4.15 Society » Sports

4.16 Society » Entertainment



► WEST EUORPE

463-464-16 [Britons happy with May's handling of Brexit – but not so much with her government or Boris Johnson](#) (Click for details)

(UK)As the year draws to a close the final Ipsos MORI Political Monitor of the year reveals some public concern over the Government's handling of Brexit despite approval of Theresa May being high. Just one in three (33% - down from 37% in November) think the Government is doing a good job at handling Britain's exit from the European Union while a majority (53%) think it is doing a bad job. (Ipsos Mori)



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463-464-17 [Perceptions are not reality: what the world gets wrong](#) (Click for details)

The latest Ipsos Perils of Perception survey highlights how wrong the public across 40 countries are about key global issues and features of the population in their country. Most countries think their population is much more Muslim than it actually is – and that the Muslim population is increasing at an incredible rate. All countries think their population is less happy than they actually say they are. Most countries are more tolerant on homosexuality, abortion and pre-marital sex than they think they are. And nearly all countries think wealth is more evenly distributed than it actually is. (Ipsos Mori)

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[3.1 Economy](#) » [Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

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463-464-18 [Further decline in Britons thinking country going in right direction](#) (Click for details)

(UK)37% in Britain think country going in right direction, down from 44% in September, and concern about inflation increasing. (Ipsos Mori)

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[3.1 Economy](#) » [Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

[3.4 Economy](#) » [Inflation](#)

463-464-19 [Festivities around the world: how do attitudes to Christmas differ globally?](#)

(Click for details)

At the start of the festive season, YouGov's International Omnibus team asked people throughout Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and the UK), plus the US and Australia, about their attitudes towards Christmas, including what they look forward to most and how they feel about the season in general. (YouGov)



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[4.7 Society](#) » [Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

463-464-20 [UK: Why the other half vote](#) (Click for details)

(UK)Brexit has exposed what may be the defining political divide of the next few decades. The issues surrounding the UK's withdrawal from the European Union are drastically altering the political landscape. The Remain and Leave camps could well end up being the spiritual parents of Britain's future political parties or groupings. (YouGov)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

463-464-21 [Britons predict a good year ahead in 2017 for Theresa May, Sadiq Khan and themselves](#) (Click for details)

(UK) As an eventful year draws to a close Ipsos MORI's latest Political Monitor reveals who Britons think will enjoy good fortune in 2017. Half (51%) believe 2017 will be a good year for Prime Minister Theresa May (35% think a bad year) including three in four (74%) Conservative supporters. Just one in five (21%) however believe it will be a good year for opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn with two in three (66%) believing he will have a bad year. This pessimism for MrCorbyn is also evident with supporters of the Labour party where 46% think he will have a bad year and 42% good. (Ipsos Mori)

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

463-464-22 [New survey shows Brexit vote slightly dents UK's reputation among EU nations](#) (Click for details)

Ipsos MORI surveyed nearly 40,000 18-34 year olds across the G20 nations on behalf of the British Council, to measure perceptions of the UK pre and post-Brexit. Overall, the largest group of respondents either say that the Brexit vote makes no difference to their views of the UK, or they have no opinion either way (answering "don't know"). (Ipsos Mori)

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2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

463-464-23 [Only half want turkey in their ideal Christmas dinner](#) (Click for details)

(UK) Roast potatoes are the most universal ingredient in an ideal Christmas dinner, with 85% wanting them on their plate. (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



463-464-24 [Father Christmas is a Green voter](#) (Click for details)

(UK) Voters from across the partisan divide expect that Santa will vote Green at the next election. (YouGov)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

463-464-25 [With five days to go, barely half have bought all their Christmas presents](#) (Click for details)

(UK) YouGov's Christmas present tracker finds that 51% of people have bought all their Christmas presents so far. (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

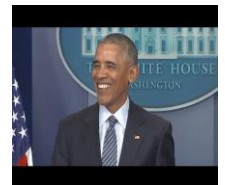
► NORTH AMERICA

463-464-26 [Obama Leaves Office on High Note, But Public Has Mixed Views of Accomplishments](#) (Click for details)

(USA) With just a few weeks left in Barack Obama's presidency, Americans' early judgments of his place in history are more positive than negative. Obama is poised to leave office on a high note: Current assessments of both the president and the first lady are among the most favorable since they arrived in the White House. (Pew Research Center)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



463-464-27 [Trump Maintains Post-Election Bounce, but No New Gains \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) After jumping from 34% in Gallup's final pre-election poll to 42% right after his election victory, President-elect Donald Trump's favorable rating from the American people remains at 42% today. The slight majority, 55%, still view him unfavorably. (Gallup USA)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

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463-464-28 [Satisfaction with U.S. Direction Steady but Historically Low \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) In 2016, an average of 27% of Americans have been satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. This is comparable to averages since 2012 but is lower than the 37% yearly average over the 37 years Gallup has tracked this measure. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

463-464-29 [Americans' Identification as Middle Class Edges Back Up \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) The percentage of Americans who say they belong in the upper-middle and middle class has edged up to an average 58% this year, compared with 50% in 2012 and 51% in 2015. (Gallup USA)

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

463-464-30 [U.S. Congressional Approval Averages Weak 17% for 2016 \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) For the seventh year in a row, less than 20% of Americans approved of the job that Congress is doing. In 2016, approval averaged 17% for the year, only slightly better than the all-time low average of 14% in 2013. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

463-464-31 [Trump's Transition Approval Lower than Predecessors' \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Americans are evenly divided in their assessment of the way Donald Trump is handling his presidential transition, with 48% approving and 48% disapproving. By contrast, 65% or more approved of the way the past three presidents-elect were handling their transitions at similar points in time, including 75% for Barack Obama in December 2008. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

463-464-32 [U.S. Economic Confidence Holds at Nine-Year High \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Americans' confidence in the economy remains higher than at any point since January 2008, with Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaging +8 for the week ending Dec. 11. This score is unchanged from the prior week, which marked a record high in the nine-year trend. (Gallup USA)

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)



463-464-33 [Four in 10 in U.S. Dissatisfied with Their Healthcare Costs \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Even as the majority of Americans applaud the quality, cost and coverage of their healthcare, four in 10 adults -- a conspicuous minority in the era of the Affordable Care Act -- are dissatisfied with their healthcare costs. Americans who are covered by Medicare or Medicaid are the least dissatisfied (29%), while dissatisfaction is highest among the uninsured (62%) and averages 48% among those with private insurance. (Gallup USA)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

463-464-34 [Crime Victims More Likely to Own Guns \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Americans who have been recent crime victims report higher rates of gun ownership than those who have not been victims, according to an analysis of aggregated data from Gallup Crime surveys. Thirty-three percent of U.S. adults who have been recent victims of assault, theft or property crimes own a gun, compared with 28% of those who have not been victims -- a statistically significant difference. (Gallup USA)



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[4.12 Society » Crime](#)

463-464-35 [Perceptions of Seriousness of Climate Change at Historically High Levels in the USA \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Despite the possibility of a drastic change in direction on climate change policy after the election of Donald Trump to the presidency in the USA, GlobeScan's tracking shows that the American public now believes more than ever that climate change is a "very serious" problem. (Globescan)

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[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

463-464-36 [Many Americans Believe Fake News Is Sowing Confusion \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) In the wake of the 2016 election, everyone from President Obama to Pope Francis has raised concerns about fake news and the potential impact on both political life and innocent individuals. Some fake news has been widely shared, and so-called "pizzagate" stories led a North Carolina man to bring a gun into a popular Washington, D.C. pizza restaurant under the impression that it was hiding a child prostitution ring. (Pew Research Center)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

463-464-37 [Economy Top Problem in a Crowded Field \(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) No single problem dominated Gallup's list of the most important problems facing the U.S. in 2016, but, at 16%, the economy averaged the most mentions. Dissatisfaction with the government followed closely at 13%. Unemployment or jobs has ranked in the top four every year since 2009, and ranked third this year with 9%. Race relations ranked fourth with 8%, the highest annual average for this issue in recent years. (Gallup USA)



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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

463-464-38 [Americans Rate Healthcare Providers High on Honesty, Ethics](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Most Americans trust their healthcare providers to be honest and ethical, but few other professions fare so well in Gallup's annual look at honesty and ethical standards among various fields. Nurses top the list with 84% of the public rating their standards as "high" or "very high," while members of Congress fall to the bottom -- the only profession for which a majority of Americans (59%) rate honesty and ethical standards as "low" or "very low." (Gallup USA)

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4.11 Society » Health

463-464-39 [Five Key Findings on Religion in the U.S.](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Religion remains an integral part of most Americans' lives, but Gallup's ongoing research shows how this has changed over time. (Gallup USA)

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4.1 Society » Religion



463-464-40 [In Election's Wake, Partisans Assess the State of Their Parties](#) (Click for details)

(USA) In the wake of the election, Republicans are feeling more optimistic about their party's future. By contrast, Democrats' optimism about the Democratic Party's future has declined. And Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say their party has done too little to address the concerns of a number of groups, including women, minorities and residents of rural areas. (Pew Research Center)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

► AUSTRALASIA

463-464-41 [New Prime Minister Bill English must find a solution to New Zealand's growing 'Housing Crisis' – the largest problem facing New Zealanders in late 2016](#) (Click for details)

(New Zealand) In October 2016 Government/ Public Policy/ Housing issues are still clearly the most important problems facing New Zealand according to New Zealanders. Some 40% of respondents (down 5% since July 2016) mention these issues. Within this bundle of concerns Housing affordability/ Increasing house prices (17%) and Housing shortage/ Homelessness (10%) are the most prominent. (Roy Morgan)

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3.7 Economy » Infrastructure

463-464-42 [Australian drivers most satisfied with Japanese cars](#) (Click for details)

(Australia) Nothing satisfies Australians like our cars – especially if that car is Japanese, Roy Morgan Research shows. Over nine in 10 drivers are satisfied with their current make of vehicle, and Japanese makes (lead by Lexus) dominate the Customer Satisfaction leaderboard. (Roy Morgan)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



463-464-43 [Down in December as PM Key resigns and Labour score easy by-election victory in Mt. Roskill](#) (Click for details)

(New Zealand) During December support for National fell by 4.5% to 45% now just ahead of a potential Labour/ Greens alliance 43% (up 5.5%). If a New Zealand Election was held now the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows it would be a very close result. (Roy Morgan)



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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections
1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

► **MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY**

463-464-44 [Mixed Reaction in Asia on Whether U.S. Would Defend Them](#) (Click for details)

Months before Donald Trump's election and the potential shake-up in U.S. policy toward Asia that's currently in the headlines, residents across Asia had mixed views about whether the U.S. would defend them if they were involved in a military conflict. Solid majorities in longtime allies Australia, the Philippines, South Korea and New Zealand believed the U.S. would defend them, while sizable numbers in other allies such as Japan and Thailand were far less sure. (Gallup USA)

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2.6 Foreign Affairs & Security » US image

463-464-45 [WIN/Gallup International's 40th Annual Global End of Year Survey reveals happiness improves despite economic confidence falling](#) (Click for details)

WIN/Gallup International, the world's leading association in market research and polling, has published today its 40th Annual End of Year Survey exploring the outlook, expectations, views and beliefs of 66541 people from 66 countries across the globe. 68% of the world said that they feel happy about their lives, an increase from 66% last year; 22% are neither happy nor unhappy, and 9% feel unhappy about their lives. (WIN/Gallup International)

December 29, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being
4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

► **CYBER WORLD**

463-464-46 [Online Shopping and E-Commerce](#) (Click for details)

(USA) New technologies are impacting a wide range of Americans' commercial behaviors, from the way they evaluate products and services to the way they pay for the things they buy. (Pew Research Center)

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3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom



Topic of the week:

WIN/Gallup International's 40th Annual Global End of Year Survey reveals happiness improves despite economic confidence falling

► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

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Headlines

- 68% of the world said that they feel happy about their lives, an increase from 66% last year; 22% are neither happy nor unhappy, and 9% feel unhappy about their lives.
- Net happiness (happy minus unhappy) globally is +59%; an increase from +56% last year.
- Fiji and China are the happiest countries of the world (+89% and +80% net happiness respectively), followed by Philippines, Vietnam, Panama, Indonesia and Paraguay while Iraq is the least happy for the third year in a row (less than +1% net happiness).
- 42% of the world is optimistic about the economic outlook for 2017; 22% are pessimistic and 31% believe the economy will remain the same. Net economic optimism is at +20%.
- The most optimistic countries about economic prosperity in 2017 are Ghana (+68% net optimistic) and Bangladesh (+67% net optimistic). In contrast, South Korea, Hong Kong and Greece are the most pessimistic (-62%, -56% and -53% respectively).

Happiness: A happier world albeit with some stark regional differences

Two in three (68%) citizens of the world report being happy, a figure which has risen 2% from twelve months ago, despite a year in which the world has seen considerable change and a year of frequent and bloody terrorist attacks. Of the 66541 people surveyed, 9% said that they were unhappy, down from 10% at the end of 2015. Overall this means that the world is +59% net happy (happiness minus unhappiness).

But regionally the story is very different with those in East Asia and Oceania significantly happier than those in the Middle East. For example, happiness in Fiji and China, the net happiest countries of the world (net scores of +89% and +80% respectively) is in stark contrast to happiness in Iraq, which rates as the unhappiest of all 66 countries surveyed (net score of less than +1%).

The Beatles wrote “money can't buy me love” – but the findings suggest it does however correlate strongly with happiness – those in the bottom quintile of income record a net happiness score of +33% compared with a score of +75% for those in the top quintile; irrespective of nations in which they reside.

Economic Optimism: Globally high but lower than last year

When it comes to economic outlook despite much of the world largely remaining out of recession, economic optimism has declined from twelve months ago. The study shows that 42% of the world is optimistic for the economic outlook in 2017, almost double (22%) of those who are pessimistic. Net optimism (the percentage of those saying next year will be one of economic prosperity minus the percentage who say next year will be one of economic difficulty) has fallen from +23% to +20%.

While globally just over two in five (42%) say next year will be one of economic prosperity, there are very significant differences across the globe. European citizens are significantly less optimistic than anywhere else in the world: EU Europe net score of -26% and Non-EU Europe net score of -20%. The challenges posed to the very future of the EU project in 2016 may well have created economic doubt within the world's largest economic bloc. Within Europe, economic pessimism is most acutely felt in Italy (net score of -48%), the UK (net score of -38%) and France (net score of -35%). Only Korea and Hong Kong, who have witnessed a year of political and economic turmoil, are more pessimistic (net scores of -62% and -56%). The most optimistic nations when it comes to the economy were Ghana and Bangladesh (+68% and +67% net optimism

respectively). When it comes to a demographic breakdown, young people prove to be considerably more optimistic than older generations with 34% under 34 years of age net optimistic compared to -7% over the age of 55.

Hope: High amongst Middle and Low Income Nations

As most of the world welcomes a New Year, we see a majority (52%) of the planet feeling that overall 2017 will be better than 2016, although one in seven (15%) feel it will be worse (giving a net score of +37%, which represents a small drop of 2% points from a year ago). Those living in some of the fastest growing countries in the world (Bangladesh net +77%, Ghana net +76%, Ivory Coast +72%, Fiji +62%, China net +56%, India net +55% and Brazil net +51%) are the most hopeful for the year ahead. However, it is the economic superblocks of the EU (net score of 1%) and North America (net score of +11%) which show the least optimism for improvement. With Prime Minister Renzi losing a referendum this month and with an economic recovery that does not take off, it is perhaps of no surprise that it is the Italians (net score of -42%) who are most concerned about the year ahead.

Analysis: Global Income Redistribution drives national outlooks on Economic Optimism and Pessimism
Polling data combined with World Bank Bigdata on Gross National Income (GNI) shows a clear link between economic outlook for the year 2017 and global redistribution of Income (GNI) during the last one decade.

During the recent 10 years (2005-15), the **Tier One Rich Countries** (30 nations with average annual per capita income of 45,000 US dollars) lost 10% in their share in global economy. This Group in the opinion poll is at present the most pessimistic in their economic outlook for 2017 (-17% Net Score). The **Tier Two Middle Income Countries** (12 nations with average annual per capita income of 13,000 US dollars) gained 10% in their share in global economy. This group in the survey is at present the most optimistic in economic outlook for 2017 (+30%). The **Tier Three Low Income countries** (175 nations with average annual per capita income of 7,000 US dollars) which retained its share in global economy during the last decade hangs in between the Tier One and Tier Two in terms of economic outlook (+26%). See Exhibit 5 on page 11.

Vilma Scarpino, President of WIN/Gallup International Association, said: “The world is witnessing changing income distribution across nations. The old rich are losing while the new rich are gaining ground. This transition is reflected in their outlooks on hope about 2017. Fortunately, happiness is becoming unrelated

to views on economic outlook. The rich nations of the Western World are happy despite their gloomy outlook on economic prospects. As a result, the global community as a whole reveals a happy majority, in fact slightly happier than a year ago.”

Source: http://www.wingia.com/en/services/end_of_year_survey_2016/10/

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2016)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 8 year period January 2007 – January 2014

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2014
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and **other miscellaneous***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 178 during the period 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 358 during the period 2007-2014

